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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning sheet comprising:
 - a) a viscoelastic material, wherein the material has a chemical composition which resists folding, wherein the material comprises a multiply substrate having at least one hydrophobic outer ply, and at least one hydrophilic inner ply, and at least one central layer, and wherein the material has a glass transition temperature below about 15°C and a melting point above about 200°C;
 - b) and wherein the cleaning sheet further comprises a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition releasably absorbed in the material; and
 - c) wherein the material is wholly or partially covered by a coversheet.
2. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the material comprises a polymer.
3. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the material comprises a hydrophilic material and/or a hydrophobic material.
4. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 3 wherein the hydrophilic material comprises a cellulosic material.
5. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the material is prepared by solid state post formation technology.
6. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the material is prepared by differential elongation composite technology.
7. (Currently Amended) A cleaning sheet comprising apertures such that the cleaning sheet resists folding wherein the cleaning sheet comprises a viscoelastic material, wherein the coversheet comprises a first outer layer, and a second outer layer, and a central layer, wherein the first outer layer is connected to the second outer layer by a plurality of bonding points, and wherein the bonding points pass through the apertures.

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8. (Cancelled)
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10. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the coversheet substantially encases the material.
11. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the coversheet has a minimum thickness of at least about 8 mils.
12. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the material is in the form of a sheet.
13. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the material is bonded to the coversheet at discrete areas, whereby, in-use, the material is maintained in its original configuration relative to the coversheet.
14. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprises water and a member selected from the group consisting of organic solvents, organic surfactants, auxiliary cleaning agents, perfumes and mixture thereof.
15. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprises water and a surfactant.
16. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 15 wherein the surfactant comprises a nonionic surfactant.
17. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 16 wherein the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprises a mixture of water and a nonionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated alcohols, ethoxylated alkyl phenols and mixtures thereof.
18. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the material is wholly or partially covered by a coversheet which is permeable to the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition.

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19. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the coversheet comprises a hydrophobic material.
20. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 19 wherein the coversheet comprises a hydrophobic ink.
21. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 19 wherein the coversheet comprises a paint.
22. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 19 wherein the coversheet comprises a cellulosic material.
23. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the coversheet comprises apertures.
24. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the coversheet comprises crepe.
25. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 19 wherein the hydrophobic material comprises crepe.
26. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the coversheet comprises polyethylene.
27. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the coversheet comprises nylon.
28. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the cleaning sheet is a dryer sheet.
29. (Withdrawn) An overall non-immersion cleaning/refreshment process for treating a fabric, which optionally comprises a prespotting operation, comprising the overall steps of:
 - a) placing the fabric together with the cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 in a tumbling apparatus; and
 - b) operating the tumbling apparatus.

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30. (Withdrawn) The process according to Claim 29 wherein the tumbling apparatus is a hot air clothes dryer.
31. (Withdrawn) The process according to Claim 29 wherein the process further comprises placing the fabric together with the cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 into a containment bag prior to placing into the tumbling apparatus.
32. (Withdrawn) The process according to Claim 31 wherein vapors are vented from the containment bag during step b).
33. (Withdrawn) A kit comprising a plurality of cleaning sheets according to Claim 1.
34. (Withdrawn) A kit comprising:
a) one or more cleaning sheets according to Claim 1; and
b) a re-usable containment bag.
35. (Withdrawn) A kit comprising:
a) one or more cleaning sheets in accordance with the present invention; and
b) a stain remover system.
36. (Withdrawn) A product comprising one or more cleaning sheets according to Claim 8, the product further comprising instructions for using one or more cleaning sheets to clean/refresh a fabric in need of treatment.
37. (Withdrawn) An article of manufacture which is specifically adapted to clean/refresh fabrics in a hot air clothes dryer comprising a cleaning sheet according to Claim 8 wherein the material comprises from about 10 grams to about 30 grams of the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprising at least about 95% by weight of water.
38. (Withdrawn) An article of manufacture which is specifically adapted to clean/refresh fabrics in a hot air clothes dryer comprising a cleaning sheet according to Claim 9 wherein the material comprises from about 10 grams to about 30 grams of the liquid cleaning/refreshment composition comprising at least about 95% by weight of water.
39. (Withdrawn) A fabric treated by the process according to Claim 29.

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40. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1 wherein the cleaning sheet further comprises a consumer signal component.
41. (New) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 1, wherein the coversheet further comprises an inner sheet, wherein the cover sheet encases the inner sheet.
42. (New) The cleaning sheet according to Claim 41, wherein said coversheet further comprises a hydrophobic coversheet and said inner sheet comprises a hydrophilic inner sheet.